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# **SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**



## **ANNUAL REPORT 1985-1986**

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs

To His Excellency, Richard W. Riley, Governor of South Carolina:

Sir:

We have the honor to transmit herewith the Annual Report of the South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs for the year ending June 30, 1986.

Respectfully yours,

*Hoyt B. Hill, Jr.*

Hoyt B. Hill, Jr.  
Director



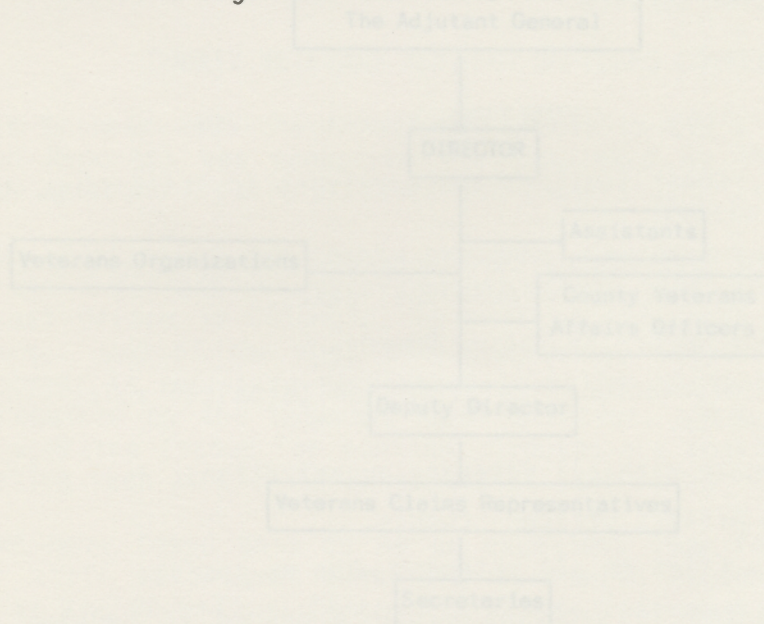
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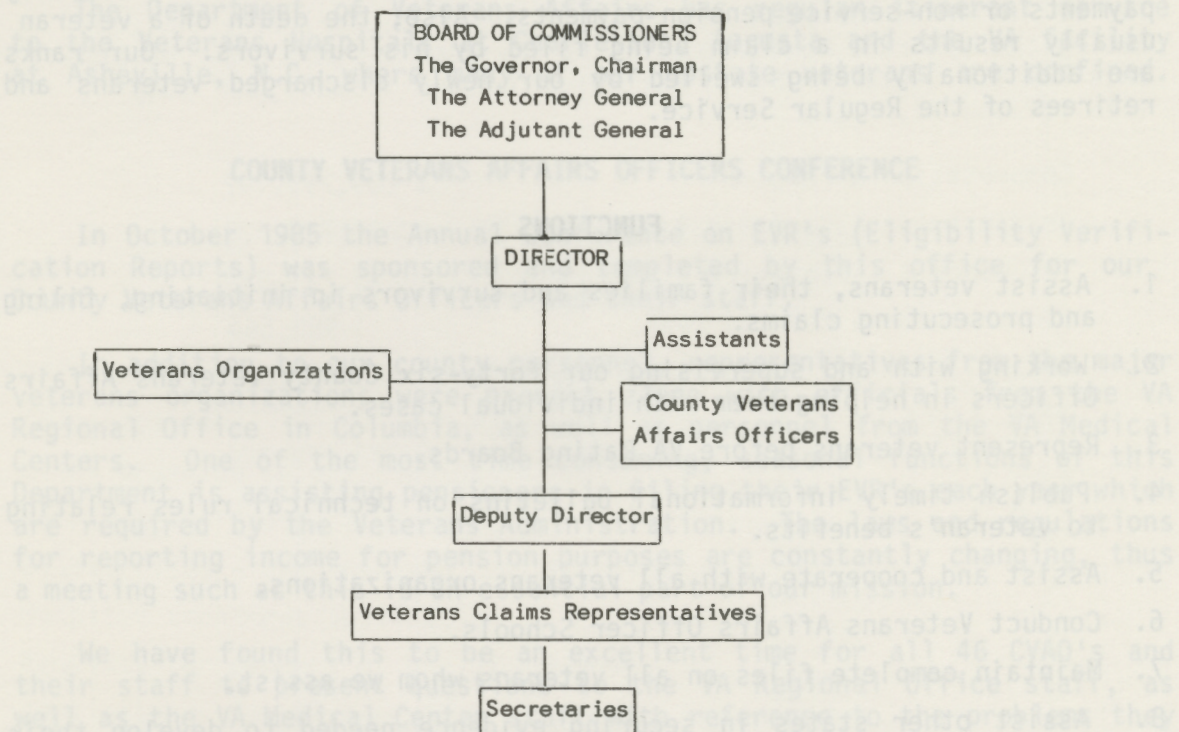
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**Deputy Director:** Bill J. Sams

**Field Office Supervisors:** Lawrie H. Harmon, Thomas Schmidt

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS





## HISTORY and MISSION

The Department of Veterans Affairs was originally created in 1927, as the State Service Bureau, by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina for the purpose of "assisting all ex-service-men, regardless of the wars in which their service was rendered, in filing, presenting and prosecuting to final determination all claims which they have for money compensation, hospitalization, training and insurance benefits under the terms of federal legislation relative thereto."

The original Act was amended in 1945 by providing for a County Service Officer (now County Veterans Affairs Officer) in each of the forty-six counties in the state and restating the purpose, as amended, "to ensure stabilization and coordination of the service work for and in behalf of the war veterans and ex-servicemen and women of South Carolina, in order that they may be guaranteed the maximum benefits granted by laws enacted by the National Congress."

The necessity for personal assistance to veterans in filing and pursuing claims and a continuing information program results from the legal principle that no veterans' benefits are awarded automatically. All Must Be Applied For. The Veterans Administration is not a "hand-out" agency as all claims allowed must be justified; hence, skill and knowledge in service work comes into being when we know what evidence is needed to bring about the favorable decision.

There are approximately 351,000 living veterans in South Carolina as of June 30, 1986 and as our veterans become older, more and more of them become eligible for increased service connected disability payments or non-service pension payments. Also, the death of a veteran usually results in a claim being filed by his survivors. Our ranks are additionally being swelled by our newly discharged veterans and retirees of the Regular Service.

## FUNCTIONS

1. Assist veterans, their families and survivors in initiating, filing and prosecuting claims.
2. Working with and supervising our forty-six County Veterans Affairs Officers in helping them with individual cases.
3. Represent veterans before VA Rating Boards.
4. Publish timely informational bulletins on technical rules relating to veteran's benefits.
5. Assist and cooperate with all veterans organizations.
6. Conduct Veterans Affairs Officer Schools.
7. Maintain complete files on all veterans whom we assist.
8. Assist other states in securing evidence needed to develop their claims.
9. Assist veterans in securing Social Security, Welfare and related benefits.



## **FUNCTIONS (Continued)**

10. Assist survivors and morticians in securing burial benefits.
11. Assist all public officials in aiding constituents on veterans matters.
12. Assist legislators and others in appropriate veterans legislation.
13. Perform a humanitarian service in counseling disabled veterans, veterans' widows, dependent parents and orphans in complete realization of veterans benefits.
14. Assist veterans in filing applications for review of discharges and in obtaining disability retirement or an increase in disability retirement.
15. Assist in having veterans admitted to the VA Hospitals in Columbia, Charleston, Augusta and other adjacent facilities.

In addition to the above named functions, our Claims Representatives must also have knowledge of the many other facets of veterans benefits such as GI training, GI insurance, VA hospitalization, Civil Service Preference, military hospital treatment, PX privileges, the different types of military retirement pay, War Orphans training, outpatient treatment, reimbursement of unauthorized medical expenses, dental treatment, burial in national and VA cemeteries, and knowledge of South Carolina State legislation as it affects veterans.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has regular itinerant service to the Veterans Hospitals at Charleston, Augusta and the VA facility at Asheville, N.C. where many of our upstate veterans are confined.

## **COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICERS CONFERENCE**

In October 1985 the Annual Conference on EVR's (Eligibility Verification Reports) was sponsored and completed by this office for our County Veterans Affairs Officers and their staff.

In addition to our county personnel, representatives from the major veterans organizations were present along with officials from the VA Regional Office in Columbia, as well as personnel from the VA Medical Centers. One of the most time consuming, seasonal functions of this Department is assisting pensioners in filing their EVR's each year which are required by the Veterans Administration. The laws and regulations for reporting income for pension purposes are constantly changing, thus a meeting such as this is an essential part of our mission.

We have found this to be an excellent time for all 46 CVAO's and their staff to present questions to the VA Regional Office staff, as well as the VA Medical Center staff with reference to the problems they are experiencing. Also, this is an opportunity to introduce the most recently appointed CVAO's to their colleagues and VA staff.



## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Expenditures for Fiscal Year 1985-86

Personal Services	\$ 388,032
Operating Expenses	
Contractual Services . . . . .	\$ 9,805
Supplies . . . . .	7,752
Fixed Charges & Contributions . . . .	30,923
Travel . . . . .	13,936
Equipment . . . . .	1,749
Total Operating Expenses	64,165
Operation of County Offices (Aid to Subdivisions)	555,814
World War I Veterans	1,351
Employer Contributions	74,438
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,083,800</b>

### MONETARY BENEFITS

The following is an estimated report of the monetary benefits paid out by the Veterans Administration to the veterans and their dependents in the State of South Carolina for the fiscal year July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986.

Compensation & Pension	\$ 205,795,142
Readjustment & Vocation Rehabilitation	28,299,623
Insurance & Indemnities	15,711,958
Construction & Related Costs	983,564
Medical Services & Administrative Costs	101,389,637
<b>TOTAL spent by VA in South Carolina fiscal year 1985</b>	<b>\$ 352,179,924</b>



# **SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

## **STATISTICAL REPORT**

**1985-86**

Claims: Compensation, Pension, Education Insurance, Aid & Attendance, Etc. . . . .	2,411
Corrections to Discharge/Records . . . . .	58
Forms Prepared . . . . .	1,925
Letters Dictated . . . . .	5,899
Hearings Conducted . . . . .	213
Interviews and Consultations . . . . .	3,756
Visits to VA Hospitals, County Offices Housebound veterans, etc. . . . .	952
VA Files Reviewed . . . . .	1,972
Telephone Calls . . . . .	14,194
Veterans Files/Cards, processed. . . . .	4,239
Legislation Monitored (Journals, Calendars, etc) . . . . .	2,172
Monetary award letters mailed . . . . .	16,500
Visitors Received . . . . .	1,147
Conferences/meetings attended . . . . .	41

## **46 COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICES**

### **STATISTICAL REPORT - 1985/86**

Office Contacts . . . . .	358,592
Communications - Received & Mailed . . . . .	383,344
Miles traveled on official business . . . . .	259,981
Veterans visited or transported to VA facilities . . . . .	6,410
Claims filed - Compensation, D.I.C., Insurance, etc.....	28,538
Hospital treatment applications . . . . .	12,114
Requests for payment of burial expense . . . . .	8,480
Applications for GI education, training, free tuition.....	4,057
Miscellaneous assistance given . . . . .	87,822



## FREE TUITION

This Agency administers the Free Tuition Program for the children of certain veterans under the provisions of Section 59-111-20 of the 1971 Code of Laws, as amended.

During the fiscal year 1985-86, 721 applications for Free Tuition were received. Of those, 543 applications were approved and 178 denied. Of the 543 approved, 125 were transfer students who had been previously approved under this program. Total benefit derived from this program was \$631,148.\*

<u>Colleges &amp; Universities</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Cost</u>
University of South Carolina	1608	126	\$ 196,168
Regional Campuses	1090	53	54,014
Clemson University	1682	51	75,846
Medical University of South Carolina	1400	5	6,298
Winthrop College	1380	51	70,380
College of Charleston	1746	25	38,162
Francis Marion College	1020	19	17,988
Lander College	1270	15	18,238
South Carolina State College	150	31	4,650
Citadel	1590	12	19,080
Sub-Total		388	\$ 500,824

### Technical Colleges

Aiken Technical	760	7	4,792
Beaufort Technical	640	1	640
Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical	640	4	2,268
Denmark Technical	700	9	1,300
Florence-Darlington Technical	800	9	6,888
Greenville Technical	620	17	10,540
Horry-Georgetown Technical	700	4	2,800
Midlands Technical	1000	46	46,000
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical	700	9	6,300
Piedmont Technical	740	12	8,880
Spartanburg Technical	600	8	4,384
Sumter Technical	720	13	9,360
TriCounty Technical	700	22	15,400
Trident Technical	700	7	4,900
Williamsburg Technical	500	2	1,000
York Technical	528	9	4,872
Sub-Total		179	\$ 130,324
<b>Annual Grand Total</b>		<u>567</u>	<u>631,148</u>

\* Cost cannot be obtained by multiplying tuition by number of students because some students are not enrolled full time.



## GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON EX-PRISONERS OF WAR

On November 7, 1985, Governor Richard W. Riley created a Task Force to advise and inform the S.C. Department of Veterans Affairs of the problems faced by former prisoners of war. Executive Order No. 85-32. The Task Force consists of two former prisoners of war from each Congressional District and a Chairman appointed from the State at-large by the Governor. The terms of office of the members of the Task Force are conterminous with the Governor. The S.C. Department of Veterans Affairs provides any staff support needed by the Task Force. The Task Force met quarterly trying to locate all ex-prisoners of war and notify them of their benefits. The Task Force is comprised of:

### Chairman

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#5 Quinine Hill  
Columbia, S.C. 29204

### Director, S.C. Dept. of Veterans Affairs

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Albert Dixon  
1895 Kennedy Dr.  
Orangeburg, SC 29115

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### Ex-Officio

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American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.  
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Spartanburg, S.C. 29302

Mr. Frank Edwards  
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Spartanburg, S.C. 29301

### 5th Congressional District

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John A. Northrup  
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Sumter, SC 29154

### 6th Congressional District

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Darlington, S.C. 29532

Robert Page  
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Aynor, S.C. 29511

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Dr. Martin Goldfield  
733 Cold Branch Dr.  
Columbia, S.C. 29223



# **DIRECTORY OF COUNTY OFFICES**

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TEL. NO.</u>
Abbeville	Charlie Murdock	Room 205 County Courthouse PO Box 652 Abbeville, S.C. 29620	459-2608
Aiken	Wayne Lethgo	828 Richland Ave., West Aiken, S.C. 29801	642-1547
Allendale	George Kearse	703 Pine St., PO Box 521 Allendale, S.C. 29810	584-4226
Anderson	Allen Thomas	Anderson County Office Bldg. 107 S. Main St., Suite 110 Anderson, S.C. 29621	260-4036
Bamberg	B. Monroe Hiers	109 North Street, PO Box 416 Bamberg, S.C. 29003	245-2494
Barnwell	D. Gene Rowell	T. Edward Richardson Bldg. Hwy. 278 West, PO Box 871 Barnwell, S.C. 29812	259-3149
Beaufort	William Grant	County Annex Building 1713 Prince, St., PO Box 97 Beaufort, S.C. 29901-1228	525-7448
Berkeley	Joseph West	334 East Main St, PO Box 1241 Moncks Corner, S.C. 29461	761-8086
Calhoun	Robert Weaver	117 Liberty St. St. Matthews, S.C. 29135	874-3816
Charleston	Thomas Johnson	Room 322, 15 Hutson St. Charleston, S.C. 29403	724-6721
Cherokee	Boyd McLean	County Courthouse Gaffney, S.C. 29340	487-2580
Chester	Judy McWaters	War Memorial Bldg, PO Box 957 Chester, S.C. 29706	385-6157
Chesterfield	Robert Raley	101 Park Drive Chesterfield, SC. 29709	623-2482
Clarendon	Harold DuPree	County Courthouse, Room 203 Manning, S.C. 29102	435-2527
Colleton	James H. Platt	Agriculture Bldg. Benson Street PO Box 637 Walterboro, S.C. 29488	549-1412
Darlington	Boyd Curry	County Courthouse Darlington, S.C. 29532	393-1051
Dillon	George Pullie	City County Complex, Room 302 PO Box 493 Dillon, S.C. 29536	774-4133
Dorchester	George Thomas	County Courthouse 101 Ridge St., PO Box 661 St. George, S.C. 29477	563-2331 ext. 216
Edgefield	Betty Sexton	400 Church St., PO Box 5 Edgefield, S.C. 29824	637-3224
Fairfield	Charles Medlin	117 E. Washington St. PO Box 456 Winnsboro, S.C. 29180	635-4131



<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TEL. NO.</u>
Florence	Etta Jaillette	City-County Complex, Rm. 701 Box T Florence, S.C. 29501	665-3221
Georgetown	Betty Georges	County Courthouse PO Box 306 Georgetown, S.C. 29441	546-7734
Greenville	J.R. Dryman	1200 Pendleton St Greenville, S.C. 29611	298-8698
Greenwood	Lewis Pinson	County Courthouse, Room 100 Greenwood, S.C. 29646	229-6622 ext. 230
Hampton	Leola Bennett	DeLoach Office Bldg, Rm. 105 201 Jackson Ave., West Hampton, S.C. 29924	943-2258
Horry	A. David Altman	Horry County Courthouse PO Box 385 Conway, S.C. 29526	248-6247 ext. 291
Jasper	LeRoy Blackshear	County Courthouse, 305 Russell St. PO Box 1536 Ridgeland, S.C. 29936	726-8940
Kershaw	J.A. McDonald, Sr.	County Courthouse, Rm. 225 PO Box 691 Camden, S.C. 29020	425-1521
Lancaster	Wade Hayes	208 West Gay St, PO Box 730 Lancaster, S.C. 29720	283-2469
Laurens	Charles Knight	Courthouse Annex, W. Main St, PO Box 193 Laurens, S.C. 29360	984-4041
Lee	James Sellers, Jr.	105 Courthouse Square PO Box 461 Bishopville, S.C. 29010	484-5129
Lexington	George LeRoy	Memorial Building 219 E. Main St. Lexington, S.C. 29072	359-8400
McCormick	T.C. Faulkner, Jr.	Old Stockade Bldg PO Box 247 McCormick, S.C. 29835	465-2212
Marion	Joe S. Lane, Sr.	100 West Court St, PO Box 519 Marion, S.C. 29571	423-6732
Marlboro	Frank Ward	County Courthouse PO Box 401 Bennettsville, S.C. 29512	479-2651
Newberry	Allen Morrison	1306 Hunt St., PO Box 217 Newberry, SC. 29108	276-3233
Oconee	Harrison Orr	106 E. Windsor St. Westminster, S.C. 29693	647-9073
Orangeburg	John Rivers	County Courthouse, PO Box 1000 Orangeburg, S.c. 29116	533-1000 ext. 250
Pickens	Carl Pilgrim	Old County Health Bldg, PO Box 451 Pickens, S.C. 29671	878-7825



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Richland	David Denton	1701 Main St., Suite 409 PO Box 192 Columbia, S.C. 29202	748-4662
Saluda	Cecil Riddle	125 S. Rudolph St, PO Box 307 Saluda, S.C. 29138	445-8848
Spartanburg	Ruth Wallen	Human Resouce Center, Rm. 314 142 South Dean St. Spartanburg, S.C. 29301	596-2553
Sumter	Louis Fleming	Room 100, County Courthouse Sumter, S.C. 29150	773-1581 ext. 200
Union	Robert Eubanks	County Courthouse Union, SC. 29379	427-3462
Williamsburg	W.J. Small, Jr.	Office 6, Courthouse Square PO Box 565 Kingstree, S.C. 29556	354-6352
York	R. Wayne Beard	304 SCN Bank Bldg. PO Box 11114 Rock Hill, S.C. 29731	327-2956

### ESTIMATED VETERAN POPULATION - JUNE 30, 1986

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL VETERANS</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TOTAL VETERANS</u>
Abbeville	2,280	Greenwood	6,720
Aiken	13,030	Hampton	1,590
Allendale	770	Horry	12,200
Anderson	15,640	Jasper	1,220
Bamberg	1,320	Kershaw	4,370
Barnwell	1,860	Lancaster	5,570
Beaufort	7,270	Laurens	5,680
Berkeley	11,030	Lee	1,190
Calhoun	1,240	Lexington	18,450
Charleston	33,750	Marion	2,810
Cherokee	4,490	Marlboro	2,450
Chester	3,080	McCormick	670
Chesterfield	3,750	Newberry	3,140
Clarendon	2,230	Oconee	5,460
Colleton	3,020	Orangeburg	7,100
Darlington	5,840	Pickens	9,090
Dillon	2,410	Richland	34,700
Dorchester	7,090	Saluda	1,710
Edgefield	1,430	Spartanburg	23,690
Fairfield	2,040	Sumter	8,700
Florence	11,610	Union	3,260
Georgetown	4,610	Williamsburg	2,670
Greenville	35,950	York	12,820
		TOTAL	351,000



## VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

1986-1987

	Telephone Number
Mr. James A. Hamilton, Sr. Department Commander <b>The American Legion</b> P.O. Box 341 Graniteville, S.C. 29829	(R) 663-7160
Mr. George T. "Bud" Watkins Department Commander <b>Disabled American Veterans</b> 2001 Kathleen Dr. Columbia, S.C. 29210	(R) 798-1056 (O) 765-5264
Mr. George A. Bopp Department Commander <b>Veterans of Foreign Wars</b> 3 Sandy Street Charleston Heights, S.C. 29405	(R) 744-3967
Mrs. Hazel B. Howell Department Commander <b>AMVETS</b> 1727 Pinewood Drive Columbia, S.C. 29205	(R) 799-2288
Mr. E. F. McAlhany Department Commander <b>Veterans of WWI of the U.S.A., Inc.</b> 3310 Abingdon Rd. Columbia, S.C. 29203	(R) 252-2892
Mr. Richard D. LaBarre President <b>Vietnam Veterans of S.C., Inc.</b> P.O. Box 2001 Columbia, S.C. 29202	(R) 254-3005 (O) 765-1952 (O) 252-6266
Mr. Edsel H. Flanders Department Commander <b>American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.</b> 3024 I'On Avenue Sullivan's Island, S.C. 29482	(R) 883-9477
Mr. Alonzo A. (Al) Muldrow National Service Officer <b>Paralyzed Veterans of America</b> C/O Veterans Administration Regional Office 1801 Assembly Street Columbia, S.C. 29201	(O) 765-5758